

## CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council held its regular meeting last night.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

This Board met at 7:50 o'clock, with seven members present.

Several matters of routine business were transacted without debate.

The matter of the Sun engine-house being taken up.

The Chair presented a letter from Mr. L. C. O'Neal stating that he was detained from his seat by absence from the city, but had read the evidence and heard Mr. Latham, and did not wish to change his vote.

Mr. Dowham moved to lay the matter over until the next meeting.

The motion was lost.

The resolution of Mr. Strauss, directing the Mayor to take possession of the house, which was adopted at a previous meeting and subsequently reconsidered, was then again adopted.

An opinion of the Corporation Attorney adverse to the claim for fuel for the jail was received.

Mr. Armstrong said that the city would gain nothing by the refusal to pay the bills. If he (Mr. A.) was Sergeant and the city refused to furnish the fuel, the prisoners might freeze. These bills have always been paid by the city and justly so, for the Sergeant did not fix his own rate of compensation, but it was fixed for him.

Mr. Moore said that he had been informed that no city in the State furnished fuel to the jail. He did not know how correct his information was.

Mr. Dowham said that as long as these bills had always been paid by the city, and Mr. Lucas was elected with that understanding, he would move that the bill of Mr. W. A. Smoot (on which the opinion was given) be paid, and that notice be given to the Sergeant that he was elected in May that no further fuel bills be paid.

Mr. Smoot thought that the precedent was a bad one, and the opinion of the Attorney should be adhered to.

Mr. Strauss favored Mr. Dowham's motion and urged its adoption.

Mr. Smoot said that if this bill was paid the matter would be another one for the Council to decide.

Mr. Strauss said Mr. Latham had nothing to do with that; the Committee on Public Property had already contracted for that coal.

The bill of W. A. Smoot was then ordered to be paid.

A resolution allowing the Mayor to appoint some one to take charge of the distribution of wood to the poor was adopted.

Mr. Armstrong said that the office would be a useless one. Mr. Orlando Wood, who had charge of the purifying room at the Gas House, had last year attended to the matter without any additional cost. Mr. Hazen, who succeeded Mr. Wood, had declared to him his willingness to attend to the same duty this year. He could not agree to vote away sixty or eighty dollars for work that could be done without cost.

Mr. Smoot doubted the propriety of requiring the men at the Gas Works to do this duty. It was rather an outside matter.

Mr. Armstrong opposed the appointment.

Mr. Smoot thought that the matter was now entirely out of the hands of the Committee on Poor, and was entirely under the control of the Mayor and Overseers of the Poor. He would move to lay the matter over until the next meeting, and meantime he would see the Superintendent of Gas and try and see if some arrangement could not be made.

This motion was adopted.

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## LOCAL MATTERS.

**WEATHER PROBABILITIES.**—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., Jan. 9, 1878, 10:30 a. m.—For the Middle Atlantic States, northeast to southeast winds, stationary or higher temperature, stationary or lower pressure, and cloudy weather, with rain or snow.

**INTERESTING CASES.**—In the Supreme Court of the United States, yesterday, the following interesting cases were argued:—City Council of Alexandria vs. Fairfax. Error to the Court of Appeals of Virginia. Bonds of Dr. Orlando Fairfax, of the city of Alexandria, were confiscated, and the Court of Appeals of Virginia held that they were not valid transfers of the bonds, but that they were transfers of the bonds, and that the Court of Appeals of Virginia was not justified in its decision. The case was argued by Mr. J. S. Brooks, for the City Council, and by Mr. J. S. Brooks, for the City Council.

It is here insisted that the Marshall's return is conclusive of the question of seizure, not being a seizure, and that in any case it is sufficient, and that in any case it is sufficient.

S. Ferguson and John C. Stuart for the City Council, and John C. Stuart for the City Council.

Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Railroad Company vs. City of Richmond. Error to the Court of Appeals of Virginia.

In this case the City of Richmond, by ordinance, prohibited the railroad company, under penalty of a fine, from using steam for the propulsion of its cars upon Broad street, in the corporation, and the company maintain in this action that this ordinance is void as impairing the contract made between the State and its corporations by the terms of their charter.

The city submits that its authority, as extended, rests upon a fundamental and inherent condition of the corporation, which, in its public aspect, authorizes and constrains the State to protect the life and property of the citizens by police regulations, and in its private aspect obliges the citizen to exercise his rights and enjoy his property with due regard to the safety and rights of others.

The city also insists that the right of eminent domain, relied upon to sustain the authority of the city in respecting chartered privileges.

C. Robinson and P. V. Daniel, Jr., for the railroad, and A. M. Keilly for the city.

**THE WEATHER.**—The temperature of yesterday moderated considerably during the night, the thermometer this morning being twenty-four degrees higher than yesterday.

A fine rain and sleet fell during the night, which froze upon the sidewalks and rendered pedestrianism very difficult; consequently the middle of the streets was resorted to by most persons whose business required them to be out.

During the whole of to-day the weather has been damp, raw and disagreeable.

On the river affairs remain unchanged. The ice extends from shore to shore, but is not thick enough to prevent the running of the steamers, although their trips are somewhat retarded.

The Washington ferry boats stopped running at three o'clock yesterday evening, and have only made one or two trips to-day.

The Norfolk steamer Lady of the Lake arrived this morning, and started on her return this evening.

The John W. Thompson is expected to arrive up from Loudoun this evening.

Ice is reported to extend as low down as Maryland Point, and several overboard schooners, are lying at that point and waiting for a chance to come up.

The tug, Commodore, Mary Lewis and Samuel Gedney went down the river this morning; the first and last will probably keep on to Baltimore, unless they find a tow for this city.

**ARRESTED.**—Colonel Theodore C. Cone, of Georgia, who has been sojourning at the City Hotel, for some months past, pending the decision of certain claims which he is making, in Washington, was arrested yesterday, on the complaint of Mr. James P. Coleman, and carried before Judge Padgett, where he was accused of obtaining goods under false pretences.

Several bills have been presented against him, mostly for liquor and borrowed money. Cone is said to be well connected and is very gentlemanly in his manners. He gave security for the payment of Mr. Coleman's claim and was released.

When arrested he was found in the house of a colored woman of bad repute, opposite the County Court house, to whom it is alleged he has given a large sum of money, lately received by him, and which house he has furnished in elegant style.

Capt. James M. Stuart desires that the statement made in some of the morning papers, that he had been swindled by Cone, be emphatically contradicted.

Whatever sums he may have lost by him, were in the way of strictly legitimate business and were not obtained by Cone under false pretences.

Cone was again before Justice Padgett this evening, and failing to pay the amount secured was sent to jail.

**INSTALLATIONS.**—The newly elected officers of Mechanics' Lodge, No. 3, K. of P., were duly installed on Monday night by Supreme Rept. G. L. Simpson, as follows:—C. Goodrich, C. C.; W. A. Simons, V. C.; O. F. Baggett, P. M.; J. M. Simons, K. of R.; S. E. Padgett, M. at A.; J. A. Travers, P. C.

The following officers of Sarepta Lodge of Odd Fellows were installed last night by F. G. Charles Goodrich, assisted by J. T. Boyd, Grand Master; C. M. Driscoll, Grand Secretary; E. T. Steele, Grand Past Secretary; J. W. Campbell, Grand Treasurer; J. C. Smith, Grand Marshal;—T. D. Kern, N. G.; W. A. Nalls, V. G.; J. A. Field, Treasurer; E. Sherwood, S. G.; J. A. Field, Treasurer; E. Sherwood, S. G.; J. A. Field, Treasurer; E. Sherwood, S. G.

H. Hawkins, Chaplain; J. T. Boyd, R. S. to N. G.; W. R. Studds, L. S. to N. G.; M. M. Jackson, Warden; C. E. Ward, Conductor; R. T. Lucas, L. G.; J. A. Marshall, O. G.; P. W. Simpson, R. S.; D. G. Guy, L. S. S.; J. S. Johnson, R. S. to V. G.; O. W. Phillips, L. S. to V. G.; J. R. Jarvis, P. G.; E. E. Padgett, Steward.

**CORPORATION COURT.**—Judge E. M. Lowe presiding.—CONTINUATION OF YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—The grand jury returned an indictment against John Robey, for malicious cutting with intent, &c., and were adjourned over until this morning.

Com. vs. Ben. Blain; entering a ship with intent to rob; jury and verdict not guilty.

To Day.—Com. vs. Richard Carter; motion for trial overruled and prisoner sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

Com. vs. J. C. O'Connell; second offense; jury and verdict guilty, and prisoner sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

Administration on the estate of William F. Dennis was granted to J. S. Brooks.

Willoughby vs. Shelton; assumption; jury and verdict for plaintiff.

Com. vs. Frank Walker; unlawful shooting; jury sworn on yesterday still out.

Com. vs. Robert Hopkins; assault and battery; jury and verdict guilty, and fine assessed at one cent.

Com. vs. Erastus Frosland; unlawful shooting in the street; jury and case in progress.

**KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.**—According to previous announcement, a delegation of about two hundred Knights of Pythias, representing the various lodges of the District of Columbia, arrived here about half-past eight o'clock last night on the Potomac ferry boat. They were met at the wharf by a committee of reception from the lodges of this city, headed by Mr. Robert C. Lee, its chairman, and escorted to the Castle Hall of Oriental Lodge, where a large number of the brethren of this city had assembled.

The visitors were welcomed by George L. Simpson, esq., Past Grand Chancellor of Virginia, and speeches were made by Messrs. Nelson, Gunning, Caldwell, Devine, Thompson, Carly, Rathbone, Foxwell, Burnett, West-

wood, Latham and others. A brass band which accompanied the visitors discoursed sweet music at intervals, while a part of the evening was consumed in songs by the Mt. Vernon Quartette of Washington, and recitations by Messrs. Finch and Whiting.

The guests left for home shortly after midnight, all expressing themselves as highly pleased with the reception they had met with. The occasion was one of much enjoyment to all concerned.

**POTOMAC FRUIT GROWERS.**—The annual meeting of the Potomac Fruit Growers' Association was held in Washington yesterday.

The president, Chesley Gillingham; the secretary, J. E. Souders; the treasurer, N. W. Pierce, were re-elected without opposition.

Dr. McKim was chosen first and Martha D. Lincoln as second vice president. The following were chosen as the executive members of the executive committee, viz: John Brainerd, S. A. H. McKim, John Salt, Lafayette Bingham, and Harriet N. Nute.

William H. Chase was re-elected curator. The annual festival was provided for, to take place on the first Tuesday of next month, after the installation of the officers.

**U. S. DISTRICT COURT.**—Judge R. W. Hughes presiding.—Lo re Duncan James; bankrupt; order confirming assignee's report of sale.

Lo re M. Slaughter & Son; bankrupt; order confirming assignee's report and directing distribution of funds in assignee's hands.

The court adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

The decision in the Durham smoking tobacco case was reserved until to-morrow owing to the absence of Judge Bond.

**RE UNION.**—The members of the Harmonie Association held a social re-union at the Tivoli, on Cameron street, last night. An excellent supper was spread, and the evening was passed in singing, speech making, and the drinking of toasts.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, and the company separated at a late hour, after adopting a resolution to have a banquet and reunion on the second Tuesday in January of each year.

**PERSONAL.**—Colonel E. E. White, formerly Collector of Internal Revenue, has removed his residence from this city to Washington.

Rev. Dr. R. H. McKim, who has been having a few days shooting in the country, near this city, left to-day for his home in New York.

**C. & O. CANAL.**—The employees on the upper end of the C. & O. canal were paid off on Monday. The repair roll for the month was about thirty thousand dollars, of which about ten thousand dollars will be disbursed on the line west of dam No. 6.

The trial of ex-Mayor O'Neil, of Jersey City, for malfeasance in office, resulted yesterday in his acquittal.

No Opium! No Morphia or other dangerous drug is contained in Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup, for the relief of Colic, Teething, &c. Price 25 cents.

**"GERMAN SYRUP."**—No other medicine in the world was ever given such a test of its curative qualities as BOSCHER'S GERMAN SYRUP. In three years two million four hundred thousand small bottles of this medicine was distributed free of charge by druggists in this country to those afflicted with Consumption, Asthma, Croup, severe Coughs, Pneumonia and other diseases of the throat and lungs, giving the American people undeniable proof that GERMAN SYRUP will cure them. The result has been that Druggists in every town and village in the United States are recommending it to their customers. Go to your Druggist and ask what they know about it. Sample bottles 10 cts. Regular size 75 cts. Three doses will relieve any case.

**FOR RENT.**—THE TWO STORY BRICK DWELLING HOUSE NO. 125 CAMERON STREET, now occupied by E. E. White. Possession given Feb. 1st, 1877. Apply to J. C. SMOOT & SON.

**J. P. POSS,** Paperhanger and Upholsterer, Residence, No. 60 North Patrick st., Alexandria, Virginia.

Making and laying carpets and oil cloths, trimming and hanging window shades and lace curtains. Paper hung at 10 cts. per roll. Persons who have work done will please leave orders at my residence, or at Lunt & Davidson's Drug Store. Work executed with promptness, and satisfaction guaranteed. Orders for work in the country promptly attended to. Jan 8-3m

**CLARKE'S** AMMONIATED BONE SUPER PHOSPHATE TURNER'S EXCELLENT AND TURNER'S AMMONIATED BONE SUPER PHOSPHATE.

AT LOWEST PRICE BY R. M. LAWSON & JAMIESON, Alexandria, Va., Jan. 5, 1878.

**HEREBY TENDER MY SINCERE** thanks to Messrs. S. H. Janney & Son, agents of The Citizens' Fire Insurance Co., of Newark, New Jersey, and The Fire Association, Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., for today having paid up in full for the loss I sustained by the burning of my steamer, the "Prince William," on the morning of the 14th of December, 1877.

Jan 8-2t WILLIAM R. SHELTON.

**CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK,** Alexandria, Va., Dec. 27, 1877. The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi annual DIVIDEND OF THREE PER CENT, payable on and after THURSDAY, January 10th, 1878.

Jan 8-2t W. H. LAMBERT, Cashier.

**FIRST NAT. BANK OF ALEXANDRIA,** January 7th, 1878. The semi annual dividend (four per cent) will be paid to the stockholders on and after Monday, the 14th of January, 1878.

Jan 7-3t CHAS. R. HOOFF, Cashier.

**GERMAN BANKING CO.,** Alexandria, Va., January 6, 1878. The Board of Directors have declared a cash dividend of one dollar and fifty cents per share, payable on and after January 10, 1878.

Jan 5-5t JAS. H. REID, Cashier.

**PICTURE FRAMES!** Just received a large lot of Black Walnut Frames, which will be sold at 75 cents, worth at least \$1.25; size 8x10 at

Jan 8 FERGUSON & BRO'S, 96 King street.

**FRESH SUPPLY OF ZEPHYR WORSTEDS,** split and single, in all shades, white and black, 10 per ounce; colors 14 cents at FERGUSON & BRO'S, 96 King st.

Jan 8 FRENCH BRANDY, very old, pure Rye Whiskey, Jamaica Spirits and Cooking Wines at

Dec 21 W. A. JOHNSON'S.

**WALNUT ORNATE TABLES,** Towel Racks, Book Shelves and Brush and Comb Cases at \$1 each.

Dec 13 FERGUSON & BRO'S, 96 King st.

**CONSTANTLY ON HAND FRESH COUNTRY BUTTER, EGGS AND FRESH POULTRY** at

Dec 21 W. A. JOHNSON'S.

**IT IS VERY POOR ECONOMY** to waste your money buying trash, when you can get good goods at reasonable prices at WADDEY'S, 110 King st., Alexs., Va.

Jan 8 POND LILY WASH, a most delightful preparation for the toilet and bath. In large bottles at 25c each.

Dec 13 JANNEY & CO., 145 King st.

**CHOICE TABLE BUTTER** (Glades), rec'd to-day by

Nov 29 J. C. & E. MILBURN.

## COMMERCIAL.

WHOLESALE QUOTATIONS IN ALEXANDRIA.

Flour, Fine.....	\$4 00	@ 4 70
Superfine.....	5 00	@ 5 10
Family.....	5 10	@ 5 50
Fancy brands.....	6 50	@ 7 00
Wheat, common to fair.....	1 25	@ 1 30
Good to prime.....	1 30	@ 1 35
Choice.....	1 40	@ 1 45
Corn, white.....	0 68	@ 0 69
Mixed.....	0 68	@ 0 69
Yellow.....	0 68	@ 0 69
Rye.....	0 60	@ 0 62
Oats.....	0 55	@ 0 57
Butter, prime.....	0 21	@ 0 25
Common to middling.....	0 18	@ 0 20
Eggs.....	0 10	@ 0 12
Turkey.....	0 10	@ 0 12
Hogs.....	5 00	@ 5 50
Chickens.....	1 50	@ 2 00
Apples.....	3 00	@ 3 50
Potatoes per bushel.....	0 60	@ 0 70
Onions, per bush.....	0 02	@ 0 75
Sacoon, Hams, country.....	0 14	@ 0 15
Best sugar cured Hams.....	0 14	@ 0 15
Butcher's Hams.....	0 13	@ 0 14
Western.....	0 14	@ 0 15
Shoulders.....	0 21	@ 0 22
Sticks.....	0 04	@ 0 09
Lard.....	0 10	@ 0 11
Veal Calves.....	0 04	@ 0 05
Clover Seed.....	6 00	@ 6 25
Timothy.....	1 75	@ 2 00
Plaster, ground, per ton.....	4 50	@ 5 00
Ground in bags or bbls.....	6 00	@ 6 50
Lump.....	3 00	@ 3 25
Salt, G. A. (Liverpool).....	1 10	@ 1 20
Fine.....	1 00	@ 1 75
Turkey's Island.....	0 30	@ 0 40
Ground in unwashed.....	0 28	@ 0 30
Washed.....	0 28	@ 0 30
Merino, unwashed.....	0 26	@ 0 28
Do, washed.....	0 38	@ 0 40
Sumac.....	1 00	@ 1 25
Hay.....	12 00	@ 15 00

There was decidedly more activity manifested on Change this morning on account of the increased receipts of grain. Flour continues dull and quiet. Offerings of Wheat amounted to 1050 bushels, which sold up to 145 for fancy lots, and 140 for good. Corn is also firmer, and